

Instructions for Certification for Funding Under Health and Safety Code
Section 123945

County and state California Children's Services (CCS) programs share in the cost of providing services to children with CCS-eligible medical conditions through allocation of funds to cover payment of services for diagnosis, treatment, and school-based therapy service expenditures. County CCS programs with a total appropriation of county funds of \$125,000 or less and whose expenditures of these funds will be exceeded during the fiscal year, may request the state program to pay for services from state-appropriated funds pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 123945, Attachment A.

When a county that meets the criteria in Section 123945 realizes there is going to be a budget shortfall in their diagnostic, treatment, and therapy budget, the county shall immediately notify their state Regional Office. If, after a review of the county's anticipated funding shortfall by the state Regional Office staff, there are no alternative solutions identified, then the county is responsible for requesting 100 percent state funding for CCS eligible medical care which cannot be delayed without great harm to a child.

To qualify for 100 percent state funding, the county program must complete the "Certification for Funding under Health and Safety Code Section 123945", Attachment B, which states that the following criteria has been met:

1. The total county appropriation made pursuant to Section 123940 of the Health and Safety Code, Attachment C, for the county's share of CCS costs do not exceed \$125,000 for the fiscal year in question.
2. In the fiscal year in question, the county has expended county funds for the CCS program at least equivalent to the county appropriation made pursuant to Section 123940.
3. The county certifies that there are insufficient revenues, in the current fiscal year from the account established at the time of State Local Program Realignment pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 17600) of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, to cover emergencies or cases where medical care cannot be delayed without great harm to the child.

The certification is to be completed and signed by the county Auditor-Controller and forwarded to the Chief of the Administrative Unit at the state CCS program. A copy is also to be sent to the appropriate state Regional Office.

The state CMS program will determine if sufficient state funds are available for medical care for a CCS patient whose cost of care for the remainder of the fiscal year will be funded from state funds. Upon determination that state funds are

available, a letter advising of the effective date and of the additional level of costs that will be covered under the Section 123945 provisions will be forwarded to the county. Should the county experience another budget shortfall in a subsequent fiscal year re-certification will be required.

The following will apply to services and claims paid after certification approval:

1. New Referrals—Coverage will be limited to children who without the requested medical care would result in one or all of the following:
 - a. Potential life-threatening injury or illness.
 - b. Measurable, significant loss of physical functioning.
 - c. Significant risk of deterioration of the patient's condition if medical care is not provided.
2. Requests for new services on open cases will be authorized for those services that meet the criteria under "New Referrals".
3. Claims for services authorized prior to the approval of certification shall be processed for payment using state funds.

Instructions to the county for the claiming of state funds for expenditures relating to diagnostic, treatment, and therapy program costs are in the claiming procedures for the " (Independent or Dependent) County Quarterly Report of Expenditures for Diagnostic and Treatment" and the "Medical Therapy Program".

All documentation pertaining to Certification for Funding under Health and Safety Code Section 123945 shall be retained by the county in the case file for a period of five years in accordance with the State Record Act. This documentation shall include the county letter requesting Section 123945 funding, the Certification Form, the state approval letter, and any other documentation pertinent to the request.